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Sent: 3/25/2021 11:24:41 PM
To: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

I can talk now or next week, whichever is best for you. I never heard from the Senator's office last fall and I do not know that DOI trust resources would be impacted as the barrels are offshore, unless we have listed species or impacts to National Parks such as Channel Islands. The listed species that would be impacted would likely be under the purview of NOAA.

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Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 4:07 PM
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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

Janet, Sorry, I've been in back to back meetings with my Director and just got out. I'm taking off for the day, but could take for a few minutes now if you want. Then I'm out tomorrow morning.

But I would like to connect soon,

John
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From: Whitlock, Janet L <janet_whitlock@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:00 PM
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] SoCal offshore disposal issue

Hi John,

Are you available to talk after about 3 today?

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Mr. Souza, Attached please find an EPA Region 9 response to Senator Feinstein related to the drum disposal issue off the Southern CA coast that I have been communicating with Janet Whitlock and NOAA about. NOAA received a similar letter. We are curious if you did as well. Our acting Regional Administrator copied you on our response.

As the letter states, we are working with NOAA and the State to have a multi-agency discussion on the issue in the April/May timeframe. We would like to know who from FWS and/or DOI could participate, such that we can coordinate with them. EPA will have our Superfund Division Director Enrique Manzanilla and a rep from our Water Division. The State will have a number of departments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

John

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Subject: RE: LA Times article re: PV Shelf and offshore barrel disposal

Janet, I wanted to share letters that both NOAA and EPA received from Senator Feinstein. We're curious if DOI has received a similar letter. In any case, we'd like to identify the appropriate person at DOI to work with as we produce our response. It would be good if the responses from the Feds to Senator Feinstein have some level of coordination.

You may also know that the LA Times is expected to produce an update on what's been done since its Oct article. NOAA tells me that Scripps is planning on starting its NOAA-funded sonar effort of the area this Thursday.

Hope all is well,

John